

EPA toxic site documents can be seen at courthouse

Douglas County residents interested in looking over federal environmental documents relating to toxic waste dumps on Basket Creek Road can find two thick binders full of information at the Douglas County Courthouse.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Tuesday released a notice of public availability on documents about removal and clean-up activities at a surface impoundment and a drum burial site on the rural southwestern Douglas County road.

Along with opening the files for public review, the EPA is inviting public comment on assessment and inspection reports, test results from water and soil samples and other documents which led to the clean-up action.

The public comment period is from May 21 to June 21. At the end of the 30-day period, the EPA will prepare written responses to all comments it deems pertinent and make those available, also at the courthouse.

Written comments on the file may be sent to the EPA's on-scene coordinator assigned to Basket Creek Road at the following address:

Don Rigger
Federal On-Scene Coordinator
Emergency Response and Removal Branch
U.S. EPA, Region IV
345 Courtland Street N.E.
Atlanta, Ga. 30365

Neither of the Basket Creek Road sites are on the Superfund National Priorities List. But Superfund monies are being used to clean up the surface impoundment, an unlined pond 1,500 feet north of the drum burial site into which liquid chemicals were poured years ago.

The files can be viewed at the courthouse from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The charge for copies is 25 cents per page.

— Cathie Knox

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